

Appl. No. 10/789,455
Amdt. dated June 23, 2005
Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 2876

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-27 were pending in this application. Claims 1, 10, 13, and 21 have been amended. Claims 2, 11, 19, and 23 have been cancelled. No claims have been added. Hence, claims 1, 3-10, 12-18, 20-22, and 24-27 remain pending after entry of the amendments herein. Reconsideration of the subject application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 6,877,656 to Jaros, *et al.* (hereinafter "Jaros"), and further in view of the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 5,799,316 to Audren, *et al.* (hereinafter "Audren").

Claims 1, 10, 13, and 21 stand objected to due to informalities.

Claims 1, 10, 13, and 21 were amended in the Applicant's response filed on June 20, 2005, to correct the informalities.

Claims 1, 10, 13, and 21 are amended herein in accordance with agreements reached in the Examiner's Interview conducted on June 22, 2005.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1, 10, 13, and 21 have been amended to include limitations not taught or suggested by the cited references as discussed in the Examiner's Interview conducted on June 22, 2005. Accordingly, all claims now pending are believed to be in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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